

March 9, 2017

Dear Chairman Pai and Commissioners Clyburn and O'Rielly,

I am writing today to submit a comment on Proceeding 09-197 concerning the order halting the Lifeline rollout and to request that the FCC reverse the order and allow companies to offer broadband subsidies to low-income households. I live and work in Seattle, Washington, and while the Seattle Public Library lends out Wifi hotspots to patrons who need access to the internet, the waiting list for these hotspots is typically 2 months long. While these hotspots are a useful and needed item, particularly for families who can't easily get to the library, it's not enough. Access to the internet is crucial for people looking for jobs, housing and services, as well as for young students. So the rollout of Lifeline will help eliminate barriers that low-income families face as they try to improve their lives every day. Please reverse the order halting the rollout of Lifeline, and continue to work to make broadband internet available to our most vulnerable citizens so they have the tools they need to get ahead. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jan Johnson